

MEETINGS OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

17 November 1971

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10:00 Convene, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

ADMINISTRATION

1. Election of Chairman
2. Dates of Next Meetings - December 15, 1971 and January 19, 1972
3. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 1971 Meeting
4. Approval of Fiscal 1973 Budget
5. Proposed Advertising on Litter Cans - D.C. Council
6. D.C. Zoning Commission - Proposed Increase in Downtown Building Heights from 13 to 25 stories

SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

1. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service
 - a. National Air and Space Museum - Revised Design
Gyo Obata and Associates, Architects
 - b. Selection of Artist for Federal Building, Midland, Texas
2. D.C. Redevelopment Land Agency
 - a. Fort Lincoln, New Town - Proposed Design
Westinghouse and BSI Consultants and Architects
 - b. Railroad Bridge, 7th and Virginia Avenue, S.W. - Proposed Design
3. National Park Service, Department of Interior
 - a. Lighting of Jefferson Memorial - Revised Design, Sylvan Shemitz, Consultant
 - b. National Sculpture Garden, Redesign of Pavillion -
Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, Architects

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- c. Restoration of Equestrian Statues on Memorial Bridge and the entrance to Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway
- 4. D.C. Government, Department of General Services
 - a. Proposed Development of the Municipal Center, Judiciary Square - Keyes, Lethbridge and Condon, Architects
 - b. Fire Station No. 4 - Proposed Design
Clark Harmon, Architect
 - c. Benning-Stoddard Recreation Center, Burns & C Sts., S.E.
Luther Bruner, Architect
- 5. D.C. Government Department of Economic Development
 - Old Georgetown Act - Appendix i
 - Shipstead-Luce Act - Appendix 2

LEGISLATION

- 1. H.J. Res. 863, 9/13/71, Mr. Schwengel, 92nd Congress

Establishing a commission to consider and formulate plans for a permanent memorial to Herbert Clark Hoover
- 2. H.J. Res. 55, 1/22/71, Mr. Colmer, 92nd Congress

Proposing the erection of a memorial on public grounds in the District of Columbia or its environs, in honor and commemoration of the Seabees of the U.S. Navy.
- 3. H.R. 11201, 10/12/71, Mr. Bow 92nd Congress

To amend the act of August 22, 1949 * (63 Stat. 623) so as to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to plan and construct museum support and depository facilities.
- 4. H.J. Res. 812, 7/27/71, Mr. Thompson, 92nd Congress

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the planning and design of a national memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and for other purposes.

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INTERVIEWS

- 2:00 1. General Services Administration and Smithsonian Institution
National Air and Space Museum - Revised Design
- 2:30 2. D.C. Government, Department of General Services
Municipal Center, Judiciary Square and the Court of General Sessions
- 3:00 3. Redevelopment Land Agency
Fort Lincoln New Town Development

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS
17 November 1971

1. CONVENE, 708 Jackson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Members Present: Nicolas Arroyo
 J. Carter Brown
 Gordon Bunshaft
 Jane O. Dart
 Kevin Roche
 Chloethiel Woodard Smith
 Edward Stone, Jr.

Staff Present: Charles Atherton, Secretary
 Donald Myer, Assistant Secretary
 William Bogan
 Jeff Carson
 Sibley Jennings
 Marylyn Shaw
 Lynda Smith

2. ADMINISTRATION

a. Election of Chairman

The Chairman of the Commission of Fine Arts is elected from the membership. Mr. Bunshaft, as the senior member, nominated J. Carter Brown for chairman, stating that he felt it would be best to have a Washington resident who was a non architect. The members unanimously elected Mr. Brown, who chaired the meeting from that point on.

b. Dates of Next Meetings

The members agreed that continuing to meet on the third Wednesday of each month was a satisfactory schedule and approved the 15th of December and the 19th of January for the next meeting dates.

c. Approval of Minutes of September 15, 1971 Meeting

The members stated that they had read and approved the minutes.

d. Approval of Fiscal 1973 Budget

Mr. Atherton stated that the budget for Fiscal 1973 was \$5,000 above that previously approved by the Commission. The new total of \$126,000 was recommended by the Budget office to cover increased travel and operating costs. This figure was established in September prior to the appointment of the new members.

e. Proposed Advertising on Litter Cans

Mr. Atherton described a current proposal before the City Council to have a private non-profit group furnish City litter cans on public space. The sponsoring group would sell advertising on the sides of the cans in exchange for furnishing them and emptying them. Mr. Atherton pointed out that previously the Commission had opposed all advertising in public space and that this particular proposal which could lead to advertising on buses and taxis, was of questionable legality and had a growing body of opposition. The Commission unanimously opposed advertising on trash cans in public space.

Exhibit A.

f. Proposed Increase in Building Height from 13 to 25 Stories

The Commission reiterated its position from the past opposing an increase in height limits in the District of Columbia. The members unanimously disapproved the increase as recommended by the D.C. Zoning Commission with Mrs. Smith stating that she was opposed to the specific proposal, but not necessarily to all proposals that might be submitted in the future. The Chairman stated that he would appear in response to an invitation by Chairman of the City Council Gilbert Hahn, at a Forum on Height Limits the following morning to voice the Commission's disapproval.

g. Technique of Handling Interviews with Project Representatives

In a general discussion the members agreed that at subsequent meetings they would in general attempt to hear from architects or project representatives before taking action, even if this means having longer meetings. The members concurred that all projects were entitled to the best possible presentation and deliberation. They recognized that the format might vary and that they reserved the right to decide on the approach to presentation on a case-by-case basis. No change in format was desired for this meeting.

3. SUBMISSIONS-REVIEWS

a. General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service

(1) National Air and Space Museum - Revised Design, Gyō Obata and Associates, Architects

The Secretary presented revised designs for this museum, one of the last major buildings to be built on the Mall. In place of the original heavy corniced design, a lighter structure, one third smaller in bulk was presented. The precast concrete structure had a series of horizontal set backs and vertical towers to break up its mass. The Mall side of the structure had a large quantity of glass while that facing Independence Avenue was almost solid. The Commission discussed the project with Mr.

Bunshaft questioning an inadequate articulation of the vertical elements while Mr. Roche questioned the possibility of having more openness or glass on the Independence Avenue side of the building. The members felt that the scheme represented an improvement in design and scale over the previous one, but reserved action until an afternoon interview with the architect and sponsors.

(2) Selection of Sculptor for Federal Building, Midland, Texas

The Commission unanimously disapproved the selection of three artists proposed by the General Services Administration. They stated that the building's design, the proposed location of the sculpture and the character of the proposed artists' work were unacceptable. The Commission recommended that G.S.A. be given the suggestion of consulting with Texas museum directors for more suitable local artists. EXHIBIT C

b. D. C. Redevelopment Land Agency

(1) Fort Lincoln New Town - Proposed Design, Westinghouse and Building Systems Incorporated

Mr. Myer presented two models of the proposed residential-office-educational community for 15-16,000 people proposed for the site of the National Training School for Boys in Northeast Washington. All of the latest technological advances in systems building, vacuum trash disposal, electric security devices, etc. were to be linked by a mini-train system designed to connect to the Metro. Mr. Myer said that the sponsors of the project would be available for a presentation and discussion in the afternoon. The Commission unanimously decided that they would make certain comments on the design, but take no action because it was a planning project, not a question of architecture or aesthetics. The Commission stated its willingness to consider the design of specific elements of the plan. They decided to hold their comments until the afternoon interview with project representatives.

(2) Railroad Bridge, 7th and Virginia Avenue, S.W. - Proposed Design by Sverdrup and Parcel, in conjunction with D.C. Highway Department and Metro.

The Secretary presented a perspective and booklet of engineering drawings to the Commission who felt that the design was inadequate for a structure visible from the Mall and disapproved it pending a discussion with the designers in the afternoon.

c. National Park Service, Department of Interior

(1) Lighting of the Jefferson Memorial - Revised Design by Sylvan Schemitz, Consultant

The Secretary presented drawings of the revised lighting system

for the Jefferson Memorial stating that there were four forty-foot poles surrounding the Memorial and a series of eight-foot poles on the landscaped pedestal. The Commission had previously instructed the consultant to study the use of retractable poles or no poles and to experiment with a "cherry-picker" truck with various lighting positions and heights. This had not been done. The drawing showed considerable downlighting on the interior of the Memorial as well as the disapproved poles. The Commission, after discussion, agreed that the Chairman should discuss the matter with the Park Service. The Commission regretted that designs had been pursued on the basis of pole lighting and excessive interior lighting; their hope was that all new lighting installed could be sufficiently flexible to experiment with light quantity and quality after installation. EXHIBIT D

(2) National Sculpture Garden, Redesign of Pavilion - Skidmore, Owings and Merrill, architects.

The Secretary presented a model and drawings showing a small glassy pavilion with a standing seam metal roof and tree-like metal tracery over the glass. It would serve as a skate-changing facility for the adjacent rink, initially, with a conversion to a restaurant after construction of permanent skating facilities. Mr. Brown expressed reservations about the "Art Deco" flavor of the detailing over the entrance door, but the Commission unanimously approved the preliminary design as being pleasantly in character with the proposed sculpture garden and ice skating rink. EXHIBIT E

(3) Restoration and Gilding of Equestrian Statues on Memorial Bridge and the Entrance to Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway

The Secretary told the Commission that the Park Service and their consultants were repairing numerous holes and cracks in the statues and regilding them with an electrolytic process. He and Assistant Secretary Myer had inspected the work and felt the regilding and repair appeared to be satisfactory. The Chairman suggested that the Commission also inspect the complete portions of the statues later in the afternoon to see their condition and to see samples of the gilding. They took no action pending the inspection. Exhibit F.

d. D. C. Government, Department of General Services

(1) Proposed Development of Municipal Center, Judiciary Square - Keyes, Lethbridge and Condon, architects

The Secretary presented a model, drawings and photographs of the existing area to the Commission who in general thought that the effort at retaining the historic buildings while coordinating new adjacent construction in a harmonious manner, was commendable. The Commission questioned a two-level plaza to the North of the Historic Old City Hall crossing E Street and questioned the bulk of a two-block-long structure on the southwest corner

of Pennsylvania Avenue and John Marshall Place. They withheld action until an interview with the architects in the afternoon.

(2) Fire Station No. 4, Sherman Avenue and Euclid Street, N.W. - Proposed Design. Clark Harmon, Architect

The Secretary presented a model and drawings to the Commission stating that the staff had reviewed the design prior to its submission and had recommended simplification. The Design as presented was simplified over the original, but the Commission found a series of complicated roof shapes functionally unnecessary and inappropriate to the building. The Commission disapproved the structure, recommending restudy of the roof structures.

EXHIBIT G

(3) Benning-Stoddart Recreation Center, Burns and C Sts., Resubmission. Luther Bruner, Architect

The Secretary presented a model and drawings for this small concrete community recreation building stating that he had met with the architect on several occasions since the last two disapprovals of this project by the Commission. The Secretary stated that there was little difference in the design since the last submission and that there were problems with the floor plan of the building, such as no windows in the sewing and art rooms. The Commission felt that there was little hope for improvement and approved the design, with the suggestion that the Commission's letter should point out some of the plan deficiencies.

EXHIBIT H

4. LUNCHEON SESSION, at the Executive Dining Room of the New Executive Office Building, 17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

a. LEGISLATION

The Secretary presented the following pieces of proposed legislation to the Commission during the luncheon session.

(1) H.J. Res. 863, 9/13/71, Mr. Schwengel, 92nd Congress - Establishing a Commission to consider and formulate plans for a permanent memorial to Herbert Clark Hoover. Approved.

EXHIBIT I

(2) H.J. Res. 55, 1/22/71, Mr. Colmer, 92nd Congress - Proposing erection of a memorial on public grounds in the District of Columbia or its environs, in honor and commemoration of the Seabees of the U.S. Navy. Not approved.

EXHIBIT J

(3) H.J. Res. 812, 7/27/71, Mr. Thompson, 92nd Congress - To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in planning and design of a national memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt and for other purposes. Approved.

EXHIBIT K

(4) Appendix 1, Old Georgetown Act, Approved.

EXHIBIT L

(5) Appendix 2, Shipstead-Luce Act, Approved.

EXHIBIT M

5. INTERVIEWS

a. General Services Administration and the Smithsonian Institution

National Air and Space Museum - Revised Design

The project was represented by Mr. James Bradley of the Smithsonian, Mr. Michael Collins of the Space Museum and Gyo Obata, architect of the building. Mr. Obata agreed to restudy certain elements of the facade, particularly the relationship of the vertical towers with wall masses and the glass distribution on the North and South facades. The Commission also requested a more definitive landscape plan. Concurrence with the preliminary revised design and bulk of the museum building was given by the Chairman. Mr. Collins also assured the members that there would be no display of planes or rockets on the two plazas flanking the museum. A restudy was scheduled for the December meeting.

EXHIBIT N

b. D.C. Highway Department, METRO, and the Redevelopment Land Agency

Railroad Bridge, 7th and Virginia Avenue, S.W.

The project was represented by Mr. Sprague Thresher of Metro, Mr. Grady of D.C. Highways and Mr. Rich of Sverdrup and Parcel, Engineers for the Bridge. The Commission stated its disapproval of the bridge design; the Consultants agreed to restudy in terms of reflecting the engineering solution to this prominent long span bridge. The importance of the location in relation to the view from the Mall was also stressed by the Chairman. EXHIBIT O

c. D.C. Government, Department of General Services - Municipal Center, Judiciary Square and the Court of General Sessions

The project was represented by Messrs. David Condon, John Tseronis and James Blount of Keyes, Lethbridge and Condon, Architects. Mr. Condon made a brief presentation of the scheme. The Commission stated their approval of the general concept, but would take no action because this was a planning project. The Chairman stated that the Commission would not approve a two level plaza to the north of the Old City Hall or a building of the bulk of

the proposed D.C. Court Facility if they were presented as specific projects in the future.

EXHIBIT P

d. Redevelopment Land Agency

Fort Lincoln New Town - Redesign

Mr. Arnold Mays represented the Redevelopment Land Agency and made a brief presentation on the features of the plan. He introduced Charles Lamb of R.T.K.L., the architect, who described further features. The Commission stated their interest in seeing the plan as it would be very helpful in acting on future specific building designs. The Chairman questioned the divided site placing Federal City College across New York Avenue from the main community and the wisdom of placing large parking areas and structures within view of the Capital City's entrance from the north.

EXHIBIT Q

6. INSPECTIONS

National Park Service, Restoration of Equestrian Statues flanking the entrance to Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway and Memorial Bridge

a. Entrance to Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway. The Commission inspected the two Fraser statues under renovation and observed the repair and gilding work. They agreed that the color looked surprisingly good, but reserved judgment until further inspection of additional samples could be made at Park Service Headquarters.

b. National Park Service Regional Headquarters Building, 1100 Ohio Drive, S.W. The Commission met with Mr. Jack Fish and Mr. Clark Human in the office of the Regional Director where they inspected gilding samples. They approved the work in progress, agreeing that it matched the best of the samples inspected. Members indicated their interest in the final finish giving a sense of patination rather than a high gloss, and in the two pairs of statues blending with each other to the extent possible.

Exhibit R

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.



Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

December 14, 1971

Dear Gil:

It was reported in the Post a few weeks ago that the City Council is considering a proposal that would permit advertising on trash receptacles as a way of financing collection by a private firm.

This is one proposal the Commission would like to see quietly laid to rest. It's a bad enough idea in itself. More importantly, however, it would most certainly serve as a precedent for a whole host of other forms of advertising in public space.

So far Washington has been relatively free of the kinds of commercialism that have spoiled so many other American cities. It is unique. I hope you will agree with us that it should be kept that way.

Sincerely,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Gilbert Hahn
Chairman of the City Council
D. C. Government
District Building
14th and E Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20004

JCB:sjt

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Exhibit A.

December 3, 1971

Dear Mr. Sampson:

At its meeting on 17 November, the Commission of Fine Arts considered the selection of an artist for sculpture in front of the new federal building in Midland, Texas. Submitted for review were the brochures of three artists:

Lonnie Joe Edwards
Jo Roper
John W. Queen

The members of the Commission did not feel that any of the work submitted was particularly distinguished. In the past it has been suggested that the General Services Administration work closely with the architect in charge of the overall design, hopefully getting a coherent expression between architecture and works of art. But this has not proved to be very fruitful for one reason or another. We would like to suggest that the local regions responsible for design and construction consult with museums of acknowledged reputation where the director or members of the staff would have a better knowledge of possible candidates for federal commissions.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Arthur F. Sampson
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit C.

30 September 1971

Dear Mr. Hartzog:

This will confirm the Commission's disapproval of the proposed lighting scheme for the Jefferson Memorial that we reviewed at our recent meeting.

As was emphasized during the discussion, the Commission feels that any scheme involving placement of lighting on poles around the Jefferson Memorial, as proposed by Mr. Schmitz, would severely detract from the appearance of the monument. We suggested as an alternate the placement of a single lighting source at a low elevation and considerable distance possibly in the Tidal Basin itself. Such a source would give a gentle illumination, would emphasize the form of the dome and would tend to diminish the shadows around the pediment. We have on order a photograph showing this method of illumination and will send you a copy as soon as we receive it. I think you will agree that the effect is impressive but at the same time suitable and dignified.

Sincerely yours,



Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. George Hartzog
Director
National Park Service
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit D.

December 3, 1971

Dear George:

The Commission of Fine Arts, at its meeting on November 17th, considered the designs for the small service pavillion in the National Sculpture Garden and Skating Rink.

The members of the Commission unanimously approved it. The building has a refreshing informality to it and provides a pleasant atmosphere for recreation. The openness afforded by glazing the entire building and the decorative metal screen should also make it blend into the park setting quite nicely. We hope the same spirit can be translated into the details of the building, and that nothing will be lost in the process of preparing construction drawings.

We will be glad to review the final drawings when ready.

Sincerely yours, 1

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. George B. Hartzog, Jr.
Director, National Park Service
Washington, D.C. 20240

December 3, 1971

Dear Russell:

On the 17th of November we had the opportunity to view the restoration work in progress on the equestrian statues at the entrance to Rock Creek Park and Memorial Bridge. I am happy to report that the members of the Commission felt that the regilding appeared to be going very well. Our fear was that the process might make the statues too bright and cheapen their overall effect. So far this has not proved true. On the other hand, the Friedlander statues are considerably smoother than the Fraser, which is the one we inspected, and of course might appear substantially different. We urge that every effort be made to match the two groups in both color and luster. In the latter regard we recommend that the buffing or final step of the refinishing be omitted on both groups in order to avoid its being too shiny.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Russell E. Dickenson
Superintendent
National Park Service, National Capital Parks
1100 Ohio Drive, S.W.
Washington, D.C.

Exhibit F.

December 3, 1971

Dear Colonel Starobin:

At its meeting on November 17th, the Commission of Fine Arts considered designs for Fire Station No. 4 at Sherman Avenue and Euclid St., N.W.

The Commission disapproved the design principally because of the roof shape which seemed arbitrary and unnecessary. Such a roof might be reasonable if there were extensive clerestories permitting light and ventilation or if it were used to house large mechanical equipment but there was no indication this was contemplated. We therefore recommend that the design be restudied with a flat roof, retaining the same basic character of the plans and elevations.

Our next meetings are scheduled for December 15 and January 19.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Lt. Colonel Sam D. Starobin
Acting Director
Department of General Services
Room 501
601 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Exhibit G.

December 3, 1971

Dear Colonel Starobin:

This is to confirm the Commission's approval of the revised designs of the new Benning-Stoddard Recreation Center at Burns and C Sts., S.E.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Lt. Colonel Sam D. Starobin
Acting Director
Department of General Services
Room 501
601 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

December 3, 1971

Dear Mr. Hays:

I am writing in reply to your request for a report on H.J. Res. 863, a joint resolution "Establishing a commission to consider and formulate plans for a permanent memorial to Herbert Clark Hoover."

The Commission of Fine Arts has no objection to the enactment of this legislation.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's policies.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Honorable Payne L. Hays
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

December 3, 1971

Dear Mr. Hays:

I am writing in reply to your request for a report on H.J. Res. 55, proposing the erection of a memorial on public grounds in the District of Columbia, or its environs, in honor and commemoration of the Seabees of the United States Navy.

The Commission objects to the enactment of this legislation. We feel that it is inappropriate to single out specific components of any branch of the military for a memorial in Washington. While it is true that the Seabees have made a very considerable contribution in military action abroad over the past years, it is equally true that many other units have also made similar contributions. Because of the limited number of sites available for memorials in Washington, it becomes increasingly important that such sites be reserved for individuals or events of a very special kind of national significance.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's policies.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Honorable Wayne L. Hays
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Exhibit J.

December 3, 1971

Dear Mr. Hays:

I am writing in reply to your request for a report on H.J. Res. 812, a joint resolution "To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to participate in the planning and design of a national memorial to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and for other purposes."

The Commission of Fine Arts considered this matter at its meeting on November 17th and has no objection to the enactment of this legislation.

The Office of Management and Budget has advised that it has no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's policies.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Honorable Wayne L. Hays
Chairman
Committee on House Administration
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Exhibit K.

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS

Nov. 17, 1971

NO. ADDRESS AND OWNER

PROJECT

OG 72-
22 3602 Prospect St., N.W.
Sam Bialek

Three story brick addn to rear of residence.

ACTION: General scheme much improved. Recommend further study of rear elevation with some recognition of floor levels on large glassed area. Also request submission of model showing proposed work. 9/22/71

23 1000 Wisc. Ave., N.W.
Donald S. Davis

New office and commercial building.

ACTION: Preliminary design recommended. Request submission of detailed dwgs and a sample of materials prior to issuance of permit. 9/23/71

24 3106 M St., N.W.
Emil A. Audette

Construct 1 story addn at rear of bldg.

ACTION: Recommended. 9/22/71

25 3243 P St., N.W.
Harry Lunn

1'x8' painted metal sign.

ACTION: Permit not recommended. Sign too large and out of scale with building in height and thickness. Type face not recommended. Suggest smaller double face projecting sign in character with building. 9/22/71

26 2726 N St., N.W.
John & Evelyn Nef

Erect garden structure to receive mosaic.

ACTION: Recommended provided that brick work is painted to match the Nef House.

27 2604 P St., N.W.
Jerusalem Baptist Church

ACTION: Permit not recommended. Resubmit exact info on material location and what material is. Info in this application is conflicting. Submit sample material. 9/22/71

28 1337 30th St., N.W.
Mrs. C. Mablet

Two outside lights. One at front door; other at basement front door.

ACTION: Permit not recm. Resubmit dwg or photo showing exact location of proposed fixtures o bldg. 9/22/71

29 3345 M st., N.W.
Spencer and Estelle Diamond

Remove existing show windows and close in front with 8" close in front with 8" C.M.U. parged smooth - install new door and small display case.

ACTION: Do not issue. Design of window & door not in character with building. Information given is not exact. A very well designed solution is possible. 10/13/71

- 30 3255 N St., N.W.
Mr. & Mrs. Herman Wouk
ACTION: Issue. No objection to design, question garage windows. Suggest matching brick & trim color to house.
10/13/71
- 31 1524 Wisc. Ave., N.W.
Tootsie's
ACTION: Do not issue. Internally illuminated plastic sign not recommended. Suggest wooden cut-out in muted colors. 10/13/71
- 32 2622 P St., N.W.
Thrift Shop
ACTION: No not issue. Vertical muntins on 2nd floor sash not recommended 10/13/71
- 33 1826 Wisc. Ave., N.W.
Bon Voyage Travel Agency
ACTION: No not issue. Submit exact crawling showing relation of proposed sign with respect to corners of bldg. and window and door openings. 10/13/71
- 34 2604 P St., N.W.
Jerusalem Baptist Church
ACTION: Not recommended. 10/12/71
- 35 2815 M St., N.W.
Steve Talbert
ACTION: Not recommended. Character of letters and location of sign unsuitable. 10/12/71
- 36 1627 35th St., N.W.
James C. Hise
ACTION: Approved. 10/20/71
- 37 3413 P St., N.W.
Richard Bodman
ACTION: Do not issue. Inaccurate information and non-compliance with previous action. 10/12/71
- 2 car garage, dining terraced with open wood trellis above, and related landscaping as shown in architect's drawings.
1 double faced, plastic faced doll projecting 2'8" off wall of building.
Repair existing show window and install windows, same design as previously existing.
Install 1 20"x15' sign on front of bldg facing Wisc. Ave.
Install 1 18"x12' sign on rear of bldg. facing 34th St.
Resurface concrete foundation on 26th st. side of church with cement stucco stone applied over scratch coated metal lath. The new surface will not be adjacent to or contacting existing old stone on P St., side.
Replace new sign on existing brackets.
Rustic wood fence.
Change existing iron railing to new railing and lamp post

38 1826 Wisc. Ave., N.W.

Bon Voyage Travel Agency

ACTION: Do not issue. Submit exact drawing showing relation of proposed awning to proposed sign with respect to corners of bldg. and window and door openings. 10/13/71

Install blue canvas awning above door.

39 3034 M St., N.W.

Rodney Rose

Convert garage space to offices and change elevation details.

ACTION: Not recommended. Returned for further study. 10/21/71

40 2622 P St., N.W.

The Thrift Shop

Revise existing show window and install fixed glass window replacing existing door.

ACTION: Suggest restudy. 10/28/71

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3036 O St., N.W.

Miss C. E. Councill

Remove existing brick wall on front porch and replace with iron railing. Repave existing steps and walk as per plans.

ACTION: Issue permit. Approved. 10/28/71

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3107 M St., N.W.

Monkey Business

Furnish and install one bronze plaque d/f with three monkeys and copy of the Monkey Business w/scroll bracket.

ACTION: Do not issue. Sign approved, brackets not recommended. Suggest extreme simplicity with as little bracket as possible showing. 10/28/71

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3307-11 M St., N.W.

William Chevrolet

All signs to remain. Letters Stohlman to be removed from existing raceway and new letters to be reinstalled on same raceway reading Williams

ACTION: Issue permit. No objection. 10/28/61

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2001 Wisc. Ave., N.W.

John Faracelas

Furnish and install 1 lantern overall size 6'-6" x 10'-10" (face to be 6' 6" x 6'6") display to be freestanding on pole 10' above grade to bottom.

ACTION: No not issue. Concept not recommended. 10/28/71.

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1538 34th St., N.W.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Welch

Replace the dangerously deteriorated balcony, 2nd floor, facing Volta Place, with one similar in appearance but structurally sound.

ACTION: Issue permit. No objection. 10/28/71

46 1826 Wisc. Ave., N.W.
Bon Voyage Travel

ACTION: Recm. 10/28/71

Install canvas awning above door and window.

47 1212 31st St., N.W.
The Old Print Gallery

ACTION: Recommended for permit. 11/15/71

One double faced non-illuminated printed sign projecting from wall.

48 3413 P St., N.W.
Richard Bodman

ACTION: No objection to work already in place. 11/15/71

Change existing iron railing to new railing and lamp post per plans. To install bars over 3 existing front basement windows.

49 3068 M St., N.W.
Jean Robert

ACTION: Not recommended for permit. 11/15/71

Awning and valance.

ACTION: Not recommended for permit. Valance not recommended. No objection to door canopy. Submit color. 11/15/71

50 3900 Reservoir Road, N.W.
Georgetown University

ACTION: Not recommended for permit. restudy. 11/15/71

Exterior repairs to Medical Center School, including new windows, repair and painting of existing windows.

ACTION: Not recommended for permit. Sash replacement and louvers out of character with building; request restudy. 11/15/71

51 1506 Wisconsin Ave., N.W.
Brass Boot

ACTION: Not recommended for permit. Design unsuitable; restudy character of lettering. Suggest classical style such as sign located on third floor front. 11/15/71

Relocate sign

52 2528-31 Que St., N.W.
Mrs. W. C. Huntington

ACTION: Recommended for permit. 11/15/71

Erect 42" L Michigan white cedar rustic picket fence.

54 1070 Thomas Jefferson St., N.W.
Doxiadis Assoc.

ACTION: Recommended for permit. 11/15/71

Fence

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON OLD GEORGETOWN ACT APPLICATIONS

Nov. 17, 1971

PROJECT

NO. ADDRESS AND OWNER

72-

55 R-3600 M St., N.W.

 D.C. Realty & Investment Co.

ACTION: Not recommended for permit. Chain link fencing unsuitable. Either remove or cover with cedar sapling or other suitable screening. 11/15/71

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1517 27th St., N.W.

Francis G. Bittinger

Fence

ACTION: Recommended for permit. 11/15/71

57

1337 30th St., N.W.

Carrie Mobley

Install two light fixtures.

ACTION: Recommended for permit. 11/15/71

REPORT OF ACTIONS TAKEN ON SHIPSTEAD-LUCE ACT APPLICATIONS

November 17, 1971

<u>SL NO.</u>	<u>ADDRESS AND OWNER</u>	<u>PROJECT</u>
72-15	30E St., S.W. C&P Telephone Co.	Two additional floors plus penthouse on existing four story building.
ACTION: Approved. 9/21/71		
16	516 N. Capitol St., N.W. Mortique Davis	Replace existing roof sign w/new plastic sign as per sketch, white ltrs and black background, indirect lighting (interior). Sign box painted flat black.
ACTION: Do not issue. Internally illuminated sign not recommended. Suggest single type face. 11/1/71		
17	605 15th St., N.W. American Federal Savings & Loan	Replace limestone exterior w/marble, recess existing glass line 4 ft. into exist. lobby area; relocate entrance into center of bldg; construct four planters flush w/bldg. line.
ACTION: Approved. 11/12/71		
19	650 Water St., SW Manglen Corp.	Motel and Restaurant
ACTION: Approved. Request submission of materials for review. 11/12/71		
20	1505 22nd St., N.W. Edw. H. DeHart and Mace Brodie	Change 2 double hung type windows to 1 thermopane type window and change smaller double hung type window to two thermopane type windows, all fixed glass.
ACTION: Approved. 11/12/71		
21	2500 Va. Ave., N.W. Watergate Improvement Assoc.	Erect single faced sign.
ACTION: Approved. 11/12/71		
22	600 New Hampshire Ave., N.W. Watergate Improvement Assoc.	Erect single faced sign.
ACTION: Approved. 11/12/71		

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November 17, 1971

PROJECT

ADDRESS AND OWNER

SL NO

72-
23

800 Conn. Ave., N.W.
National Bank of Wash.

Remove exist. lighted letters and install two
new sets non-lighted bronze ltrs per attached
dwgs, as recm by the CFA

ACTION: Approved. 11/12/71

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2522 Virginia Ave., N.W.
Saks Inc.

1 double faced 24"x36" light box-finish-
Duranodic Bronze
ACTION: Disapproved. Recommend size, style of lettering, type of illumination and location on
building of exterior sign match those of existing signs on adjoining commercial shops.

11/12/71

December 3, 1971

Dear Mr. Sampson:

This will confirm the Commission of Fine Arts general approval on November 17th of the revised designs for the National Air and Space Museum.

The scale of the new design is far better than the original scheme and will be in much better relation to adjoining buildings on the Mall.

There remain, however, some questions about the relation of the towers to the facade and the proportions of the first and second floors.

It was also noted that the south elevation was largely masonry, while the north elevation was glazed. While recognizing that problems of lighting exhibits varied on each side, the Commission still expressed the hope that the treatment of the facades could be tied together a little more closely.

The architect has agreed to the restudies and will present them to the Commission at its meeting on December 15.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Mr. Arthur F. Sampson
Commissioner, Public Buildings Service
General Services Administration
Washington, D.C.

Copy to: Mr. Michael Collins

Exhibit N.

December 3, 1971

Dear Colonel Starobin:

At its meeting on November 17th, the Commission of Fine Arts reviewed the Master Plan study for the development of the Municipal Center and Judiciary Square and the new offices for the Superior Court and the Police Department. The Commission approved the general design criteria for the development of the Square, particularly as to guide lines established for new buildings on the east and west sides of the Square. Also approved was the pedestrian plaza on C Street between the present Municipal Building and the D.C. Federal Court. Such a plaza makes much sense at this location.

The plaza over E Street is another matter however. First we question very much whether it would make any sense to dominate the Square with such a large scale plaza and secondly, in our judgement, it would severely alter the character of the square and detract from the setting of the three buildings to which it would connect immediately south of E Street. We recommend that the present character of Judiciary Square be left as it is with landscaping, grass and trees as the dominant characteristic.

There was also concern expressed about the extensive mass of the proposed court building west of John Marshall Place and adjacent to Pennsylvania Avenue. We know that it is hoped to utilize the site efficiently, but urban considerations are particularly important in this sensitive location. When the time comes for more detailed design development we look forward to seeing ways in which the apparent mass can be reduced, and a more human scale can be given to the structure. It is recommended that some way be found to recognize the axis of C Street, ideally allowing the street to continue across the site, breaking the masses into two above-ground structures.

We will be happy to review revised plans as they may be developed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown
Chairman

Lt. Colonel Sam D. Starobin
Acting Director
Department of General Services
Room 501
601 Indiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20004

Exhibit P.

December 3, 1971

Dear Mr. Mister:

We were glad to have the opportunity at our meeting on the 17th of November to view the most recent studies of the Fort Lincoln New Town development on the site of the old National Training School.

As there will be eventually a considerable number of District and Federal Buildings involved in this, it is particularly helpful to the Commission to understand the concept of the design as a whole during the early stages. It is, of course, impossible to comment in any detail about the plan, but I would say that the general approach appears to be reasonable. However, there are one or two areas to which we would like to draw attention at this time.

The large masses of parking adjoining New York Avenue are certainly questionable. This avenue, as you know, is one of the principle approaches to Washington, and any development along this corridor should be very carefully studied. We also question the advisability of locating the Federal City College on what, for all intents and purposes, is an isolated traffic island. The bridge connecting the college with the rest of the community is a fragile connection to say the least. It also raises the question of the suitability of such an overhead structure at the entrance to the city. A well designed bridge is one thing - a tunnel is another. This element especially should be given much further thought.

We will be happy to review further studies as they are developed.

Sincerely yours,

J. Carter Brown

Chairman

Mr. Melvin A. Mister, Director
Redevelopment Land Agency
1325 G. St. N.W.
Washington, D.C.

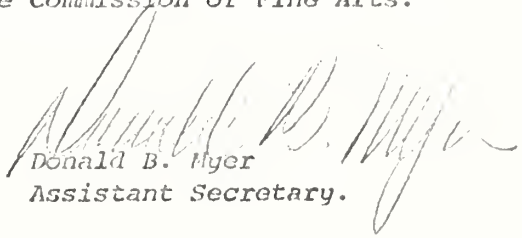
Exhibit Q.

November 24, 1971

MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

On November 10th, 1971, Messrs. Atherton and Myer met with Mr. Clark Human, of the National Park Service, and Mr. David Day, a Park Service consultant, at the winged equestrian statues flanking the Lincoln Memorial entrance of the Rock Creek-Potomac Parkway. Mr. Human explained that the pair of statues was being structurally and externally restored. Interior iron and steel bolts and braces had deteriorated inside the bronze statues to the point of structural damage. The exterior likewise had holes, cracks, pitting and dirt.

Messrs. Atherton and Myer were shown and explained the electrolytic gold plating process and shown structural repair and problems inside the statues. The Park Service had specifically asked Commission of Fine Arts advice on the color of the gold finish. The samples shown were approved by Messrs. Atherton and Myer on the basis of existing adjacent gold color and on previous policy statements by the Commission of Fine Arts.


Donald B. Myer
Assistant Secretary.

*Advised and approved by full committee
on Nov. 17 71 on the restoration
of statues.
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September 30, 1971

Dear Mr. Reifel:

I was glad to get your letter, advising us of the formation of a Federal Task Force which will study the development of the Georgetown Waterfront. This office will serve in any way it can, with Mr. Donald Myer, the Assistant Secretary, serving as alternate.

We look forward to hearing from you at an early date.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. Ben Reifel
Chairman, National Capital
Planning Commission
1325 G St., N.W.
Washington, D.C.

December 6, 1971

Dear Mr. Ulman:

As you will recall, I spoke to you a couple of weeks ago about the Commission of Fine Arts and a possibility of legal involvement in the matter of public hearings. You suggested I write you a letter setting out the facts.

Preliminary designs for an office building at 1000 Wisconsin Avenue were submitted to the D.C. Permit Office, which subsequently forwarded them to the Commission on September 7, 1971. The Board of Architectural Review, a three man panel, authorized by law to assist the Commission in administration of the Georgetown Act, considered the design on September 8, 1971. They were favorably impressed and reported in writing to the Commission their recommendation that it be approved.

At its meeting on September 15th, the Commission also recommended the design and reported such action to the D.C. Permit Office on September 23, 1971. When the news of the proposed building reached the Georgetown Citizens Association they were disturbed that the Commission of Fine Arts had not notified the Association that it was considering the proposed office building. They also felt that the deliberations of the Board should be open to public with adequate advance warning so that witnesses could appear.

While there was no public notice of the Board's meeting, there was of the full Commission meeting, which we feel fulfills our legal obligations. As I indicated to you it has always been our belief that there is no requirement that the Board meetings be public since we feel it is primarily an internal administrative process. The Commission, not the Board, is the legal instrument authorized to advise the D.C. Permit Office. I would hope that this could be clarified. If we really do have to open up these meetings to the public I will be happy to do so. And if we have to make transcripts of the Georgetown meetings available, we shall also comply even though I feel that the applicants themselves have some right to keep things on a confidential level. In any event, I will certainly appreciate anything you can offer in the way of guidance for the Commission's operation. Please let me know if there are any additional facts we can give you.

Sincerely yours,

Charles H. Atherton
Secretary

Mr. Leon Ulman
Deputy Assistant Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D.C. 20530

